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AN EXACT
ACCOUNT
OF THE
King of Sweden's

DANGEROUS SICKNESS;

With a True

RELATION

By what Means the Constant Report of

HIS DEATH

Hath been Occasion'd.

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LETTER

Sent the 11th of *April* last past to one of the King of *France's* Ministers, by a French Officer from *Liungby*, the King of *Sweden's* Camp, at the time of His Majesties Sicknes.

My Lord,

I Cannot forbear to inform you by this Opportunity, of the King of *Sweden's* intire Recovery of His dangerous Sicknes, which did put both the *Physitians* and the whole Army into a despair; And I do not doubt, but that I shall give you

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some Satisfaction, by informing you, of the
 particular Circumstances, and of the Pi-
 ous Discourses, and Kind Expressions,
 which this Prince made during the heat of
 His Sicknes; For when he found himself
 at first ill on the 20th of *March* last past,
 he strove to conceale it for several dayes,
 as much as possibly he might, by booting
 him, as he daily useth to do, viewing his
 Camp, and keeping of His Council, until
 the 23d of the said Moneth; when he
 found himself so ill, that he was forced to
 take his Bed, and to declare, that he had
 a violent Feaver, with an exceeding heat
 and oppression of the heart; And finding
 the Feaver increasing, and the time of
 Death approaching, he called for his Chief
 Minister, made his Confession, and re-
 ceived the Holy Sacrament with great De-
 votion, he having alwayes lived an exemplary
 Life of Piety and Vertue. Whereupon His
 Majesty sent for his Ministers of State, and
 placed the Chiefest of them upon the side
 of his Bed, and told them, That where-
 as he perceived himself at the point of
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leaving the World, he would not fail to give them His thanks, for all the Care and Troubles, which they had taken for Him, and charged them with several things very tenderly relating to the Queen Mother, which I could not fully understand, being spoken in the *Swedish Language*, and something low; And seeing the Chiefest Officers of His whole Army round about His Bed-side, he gave them thanks in a most obliging manner for the faithful Services which they had done Him, and His Country; He remembered very well the many Dangers they had run in all Encounters and Battels that had been fought, and that next to God, He attributed to their Valour the good Issue of them all. Next to them He gave His hearty Thanks to all the Officers of His Household, and Menial Servants, and enlarged Himself very much upon the great troubles He had for not being in a condition to Reward them according to their Merits; He hoped, that God would do it, being the True Rewarder of all honest Actions: He desired
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their pardon, if He had offended them, and bid them consider, that He was a Man like themselves, and had His Failings like others ; but He could assure them , that He never did offend any of them wittingly, or with a set intention.

And whereas His Troubles and Pains increased more and more , His Majesty supported them with as much Courage as any could do ; Yet, at last , He could not forbear to tell us , that stood about Him , that He must needs confess, That all what He had suffered all the time of the War, did never come near to that which He did suffer for the present ; and that the Enemy which now Attack'd Him , did use Him more Cruelly, than all the others that He had had against Him for many years together.

He Prayed to God to have Mercy on His Soul , and with many earnest Repetitions recommended unto Him His Kingdom and Country , which could not but be very

ry unhappy by His death, without Gods particular Favour and Protection ; bewailing very much , that He should leave the same in such a distracted War ; but yet comforting Himself withal , That all those that were about Him , knew very well how He was drawn into the War , and in His Minority too , when He could not apply such Remedies , as were necessary for to turn it another way.

And whereas He spoke all this with such tender expressions, that all the Spectators could not forbear to burst out in Tears, He said to them , Pray why do you grieve so much ? I am not to be so much lamented , for I find in my self an Assurance , that I am a Child of Heaven , and of the everlasting God ; I never did any body harm , nor any hurt to my Conscience , and I have kept my Words very punctually to my Allies , and my Engagement to my Subjects ; whom I have Loved very tenderly , and have freely exposed my life for their welfare ; And, although you may have after
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Me a Wiser King , yet never will you have any one that shall love you more than I have done.

And the usual hour for His daily Publick Prayer approaching , He desired His Chaplain to be called for , who, in regard of His Majesties weakness , endeavoured to shorten the Prayers , but the King told him , That it was not the Time to do it so , for He never needed his and others Prayers more than at that instant ; But, no sooner were they ended , but that He spoke of Death with a great deal of courage , and every one feared He should wrong himself by talking so much ; We endeavoured to get away , but He no sooner perceived it , but He called us back , and desired that He might not be buried in any great State or Pomp , reminding them of His plain way of living , and as He never affected any Pride in His Life-time , so He desired to be Buried as He had Lived , seeing the present time could not afford any unnecessary Charges ; wherewith He gave us His Hand to Kifs,

kits, and took his leave with many tender expressions.

Some hours after, his Majesty was taken with a great Sweat, whereby the pains, of the heart diminished, and after a sweet sleep of Fourteen hours together, his violent Feaver turned into a Tertian Ague, the Fits whereof lessened from day to day, till this very day, when he had no Fit at all, so that we judge his Majesty free from all danger, and *Sweden* delivered from very dangerous troubles and disorders, which would necessarily have followed upon the death of such a Prince.

I cannot represent unto you all the fine expressions, which His Majesty used all this time, onely I must tell you in few words, that we all, that stood about his Bed side, did admire it, and must needs confess, that we have observed, that within two or three moneths he hath improved mightily, and hath got all the Parts of a Great Prince.

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And I leave it to you to judge, what strange alterations his death would have produced, and what a joy we all must have, who have seen him in this apparent danger, and in the very Agonie.

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A TRUE
RELATION

By what means th constant

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DEATH

Hath been occasioned.



*UT of this Relation it is
clearly to be seen, that
the King of Sweden hath
been dangerously ill; and
whereas nothing could be
more acceptable, as well as profitable to
the enemies of Sweden, then such news,*

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many of the Countrey-people of Scho-
 nen, and especially the Snaphanes,
 snatched thereof an opportunity to be
 the first to inform the Danes of his Ma-
 jesties death, in expectation of very great
 Rewards, And since it happened, that
 one of the several dead Corps of some
 Great Officers, that had been killed
 during this War, and set by in the Pa-
 rish Church of Liungby, which lyes
 very close to the King's Camp, was ac-
 cording to the usual custom in that Coun-
 try, with great pomp, sent up to Stock-
 holme for its burial, and attended
 through the Swedish Camp with seve-
 ral Troops of Horse and Foot, the
 said Countrey people and Snaphanes,
 fully took it for a solemnity of His
 Majesties own Funeral, and hastened
 to both the Danish Garrisons at Landf-
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croon, and Helsenburgh, with the news thereof; and for the greater appearance of its real Truth, it happened that a Danish Officer was about the same time sent by the King of Denmark towards Christianstadt, to inform the King of Sweden of the Cessation of Arms, concluded at Nimeguen, and to proceed further towards Norway, and there to give also the same information thereof.

But whereas the said Officer was only provided with a Passport of the Swedish Ambassadors at Nimeguen, to this effect, and brought no Letters at all along with him from them to the KING, nor any particular information of the Conditions of the said Cessation; it was neither found convenient, nor an act of Prudence, to suf-

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fer an Officer of the Enemy to pass under that pretension, through the Swedish Territories, Army, and Strong Holds to Norway, but it was ordered that he should return for Helsingburg, and with a Swedish Passport to go from thence by Sea, as the usual and safer way for Norway; which the said Officer, as well as the rest of the Danish Partisans took for a Mystery and Product of the death of the King of Sweden, and reported it accordingly.

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